Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Did not Narakkal contribute some share to finance the institution of the Registry office ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think they contributed something. I don't remember the details.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Was a similar offer made by Erumapetti people also ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not remember.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If there is such an offer will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of establishing such an office there ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot answer that question definitely. I do not know what will be the proportion of contribution and what will be the balance that the Government will have to find. Unless those details are known I doubt very much whether I can give a direct answer. If the party interested will remit a certain fixed proportion of the expenditure required, it will be an inducement to the Government to consider the matter favourably.

Admission of Medical Students to the Medical College, Madras.

270 **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) were medical students selected by the Cochin Government for the year 1933;

(2) how many applied, with their names and University qualifications (the names may be given caste-war);

(3) which of these were selected;

(4) were the selections made after giving due consideration to the points mentioned at page 1127, Council Proceedings, 3rd Series, Vol. IV, Part II?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(1) Yes.

(2) Seventeen. Caste-war list is appended (*Appendix IV*).

(3) Elias Samuel Koder and Mrs. Kamalam Mukunda Menon.

(4) Yes.

Population that cannot command capital.

271 **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 425, 28th of March 1933, will the Government be pleased to state what attempts they have made in the interval to collect the statistics; and if none, the reasons for it ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Government have started an Economic Survey of the State and are awaiting its conclusions.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did not the Government the other day give an assurance that the survey will be completed within one year?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No definite reply was given. Some information will be gathered before that time. The whole thing will not be over by that time. The whole State is divided into several tracts and the present idea is to conduct the survey in a typical village in each of these tracts. That will be over, in all probability, by the end of the year. In order that we may know generally the condition of each village the idea is to conduct the survey in a typical village in each of these tracts.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that within one year a typical tract will be surveyed?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The whole State is divided into several tracts and the present idea is to conduct the survey in a typical village in each of these tracts. That will in all probability be over within one year.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the maximum time required for the whole survey?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—How can I say definitely without hearing anything from the officer appointed? It all depends upon the work that he has to do there. Government will expedite that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Even independent of the survey are the Government aware that the majority of our population can command no capital big enough for any economic transactions?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government cannot definitely say. It may be so.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that the majority cannot command any capital?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I have already answered that. Government have no official information. I speak from my personal knowledge.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not the fact with all the nations of the world?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The mere fact of it being the feature of all the nations of the World, is it any excuse for us to shelve the question here?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is no question of shelving.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the length of notice the Hon'ble Member had to answer this question from the very beginning?

President.—I do not see how it is a supplementary question.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Even independent of the survey, is there any objection in the Government's collecting statistics on the subject?

President.—That is not a request for information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do the Government intend to collect statistics independent of the survey?

President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Permission to outsider to experiment clay works in Stone ware Factory.

272. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether permission was given to an outsider to experiment clay works in the Government Stoneware Factory at Chalakkudi; if so, on what terms and what has he done hitherto?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Mr. Whatmore, F. R. S. A., late Ceramic expert of Messrs. Parry & Co., constructed an experimental kiln at the Chalakkudi Potteries and is conducting experiments with glazing of jars.

There are no conditions attached to it. If his experiments are successful, the question of retaining him on the staff of the Potteries will be considered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—How long is it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—2½ months.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has he made any experiment?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The experiments have not been quite satisfactory. He is trying for a third time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does the Government give him any monetary help?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, we pay for the labour.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What more do you propose to do?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Continue our own work.

Tramway—transport charges for timber.

273. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the rate of transport charges of logs in pair of trucks Teak, Rosewood, Junglewood, etc.;

(b) the rate per candy for transport of scantlings of the above species?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) Teak and Rosewood—Re. 0—3—6 per candy per mile. Junglewood—Re. 0—2—6 per candy per mile.

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